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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INTERFLUG FLIGHT IN BERLIN CONTROL ZONE (BCZ)

REF: USBER 168

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES INTERFLUG FLIGHT MAY TAKE PLACE IN
BCZ WITH GUARANTEE OF FLIGHT SAFETY, BUT ONLY ON CONDITIONS
THAT A.) FLIGHT PLAN OR PLANS ARE PROPERLY FILED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL PROCEEDURES IN BASC AND B.) FLIGHTS
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TAKE PLACE UNDER BARTCC CONTROL.

2. WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR BOTH SAFETY AND POLITICAL REASONS THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW SITUATION TO DEVELOP WHERE WE TAKE OFFICIAL COGNIZANCE IN BASC OF NON-FOUR POWER FLIGHTS WHICH ARE NOT UNDER BARTCC CONTROL. IN OUR OPINION, STATEMENT IN DRAFT RESPONSE (PARA 5 REFTEL) THAT INTER-FLUG AIRCRAFT MAINTAIN CONSTANT RADIO CONTACT WITH BARTCC, WHILE MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE FLIGHT SAFETY, DOES NOT ENSURE THAT FLIGHT MUST LEAVE SCHOENEFELD CONTROL AND COME UNDER BARTCC CONTROL, I.E.SCHOENEFELD CONTROL COULD STILL DIVERT MOVEMENT OF AIRCRAFT SO AS TO ENDANGER OTHER AIR TRAFFIC IN BCZ.

3. WE SUGGEST THEREFORE REPLY TO SOVIET CONTROLLER BE MODIFIED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TO COVER POINTS MADE ABOVE: QUOTE WITH REGARD TO YOUR STATEMENT OF JAN 28 I AM AUTHORIZED ON BEHALF OF THE WESTERN AUTHORITIES TO STATE THAT A GUARANTEE OF FLIGHT SAFETY CAN BE MADE FOR THE PROPOSED INTERFLUG FLIGHTS OVER THE MARZAHN AND BIESDORF REGIONS OF BERLIN AT ALTITUDES OF 1100 - 3200 METERS PROVIDED THAT THE FLIGHTS ARE MADE ON THE BASIS OF FLIGHT PLANS FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PROCEEDURES IN THE BASC AND THE FLIGHTS TAKE PLACE UNDER THE BERLIN CENTER (BARTCC) CONTROL, AS SUGGESTED IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF YOUR STATEMENT. UNQUOTE.

4. SHOULD SOVIETS REFUSE TO ACCEPT THESE PRECONDITIONS WE AGREE WITH USBER (PARA 6 REFTEL) THAT FLIGHT LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE ANYWAY, IN WHICH CASE WE AGREE THAT WE CAN DO LITTLE MORE THAN DEAL WITH THE SITUATION IN MANNER OUTLINED BY USBER. KISSINGER

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